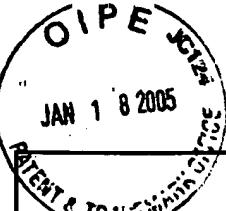


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Request
For
**Continued Examination (RCE)
Transmittal**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	10/684,213
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First Named Inventor	Brett T. Hannigan
Group Art Unit	2625
Examiner Name	A. Tabatabai
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, File Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 14864 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____ 01/21/2005 EFLORES 0000005 501071 10684213
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply 01 FC:1801 730.00 DA
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 02 FC:1202 550.00 DA
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with Form PTO-1449 and stated references:
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

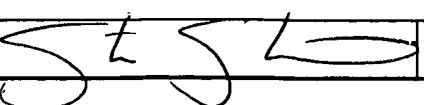
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, and any additional required fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1071.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$1,340.00 RCE fee with additional claims)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 AND 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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